

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 5 on page 4 (lines 18 – 24) to read as follows:

The flexible cover can be retained or secured to a selected portion of the human anatomy adjacent to the tattooed area by a retention member or plurality of retention members known in the art, such as tape, ~~Velcro~~ hook and loop, elastic, bandages, medicated bandages, gels, etc. More particularly, the present invention allows a user to work, sleep, exercise, bathe, shower, or otherwise engage in daily activities without the risk~~ing~~ of accidental or inadvertent touching, bumping, or trauma to the tattooed area while the newly-tattooed area heals and becomes permanent.

Please amend paragraph 2 on page 7 (lines 16 – 27) to read as follows:

Although the member or cover 16 can be of any shape or configuration to cover the area defined by a tattoo, it is generally convex or dome-like in height thereby defining the gapped region 34. For example, an air pocket may be formed, which is defined between the skin area 12 and the recessed surface 32 of the central portion 28. When an optional cover adapted to facilitate in the healing process of the newly applied body art is applied over the area or portion 12 of the skin 10, the gapped region 34 is defined between the wound-protecting device 14 and the recessed interior surface 32 of the central portion 28. For example, the cover or member 16 can comprise a back-brace type of configuration for tattoos disposed on the back of a user which would allow the user to operate a motor vehicle without having the tattooed area come into contact with the seat of the motor vehicle since the gapped region 34 between the member 16 and the skin 10 would serve as a barrier, guard, or shield.